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- 1) A device for assisting the deployment of an airbag (3), located at the junction of at least two trim elements of parts of the body of a motor vehicle, wherein the first (10) of the said trim elements is fixed and the second (20) is designed to be deformed under the pressure exerted by the said airbag (3) during its deployment, which device is provided with a guide surface (12) oriented from an exit zone (5) of the said airbag (3) toward an end part (23) of the second trim element (20), characterized in that the end part, which abuts against the guide surface, is located at the external limit of a zone of cooperation between the first (10) and second (20) trim elements.
  - 2) A device for assisting deployment according to claim 1, characterized in that the guide surface (12) is a part of one of the trim elements (10, 20).
  - 3) A device for assisting deployment according to any one of claims 1 and 2, characterized in that the junction of the guide surface (12) with the trim element forms a lip (11) for holding the first (10) and second (20) trim elements in closed position relative to one another.
  - 4) A device for assisting deployment according to claim 1, characterized in that the guide surface (12) is a support element of the airbag (3).
  - 5) A device for assisting deployment according to claim 1, characterized in that the guide surface (12) is part of a body element.
  - 6) A device for assisting deployment according to any one of claims 1 to 5, characterized in that the guide surface (12) carries an element for fixation of the first trim element (10).
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